

Cochrane-Fountain City School District  
Regular School Board Meeting  
March 18, 2020

President Karen Knospe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. Board members present were Karen Knospe, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, and Larry Cyrus. Bonnie Breza, Rita Greshik, and Areny Bork were absent. Others present were Michele Butler, Steve Stoppelmoor, and Karen Domine.

President Knospe noted the Mission Statement and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Karen Knospe attested to the publication of the meeting.

**Public Comments/Apearances:**

None

**Consideration of Adjustments to the Agenda:**

Michele Butler requested the following changes to the agenda: Delete item C. Approve retirement request from Mary Haake, Elementary Special Education Teacher from the consent agenda. Cancel both items under the principal report 1. Mental Health Programming (David Williams) and 2. Work Release for Students and Transcribed Credit Option (John Nelson). Add action to item 2. COVID-19 Update under the Superintendent report. Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested changes, seconded by Lynn Doelle. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

**A. Approve the Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2020.**

**B. Approve the February 20, 2020 – March 18, 2020 vouchers.**

~~**C. Approve retirement request from Mary Haake, Elementary Special Education Teacher.**~~

Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Lynn Doelle. Motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

The Fountain City Lion's Club for a donation toward the new ice machine.

Buffalo County Human Services for the Community Prevention Program shown in the school auditorium.

Students who were selected to read their Voice of Democracy essays at the VFW and the staff who helped with them, Steve Nehring and Brian Holt.

**Reports:**

**A. Principal Report**

~~1. Mental Health Programming (David Williams)~~

~~2. Work Release for Students and Transcribed Credit Options (John Nelson)~~

**B. Superintendent Report**

**1. Personnel Report** – Ms. Butler gave the board an update on staff changes. Heather Treague was terminated as a paraprofessional and Lisa Arneson was hired as a full-time special education paraprofessional.

**2. COVID-19** – Ms. Butler explained to the Board what the school is doing with the COVID-19 threat which included changing the last day of school to Tuesday, what is required for a state waiver, and changes to the school web page. Ms. Butler presented a plan to the Board for paying staff during the school closure. Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the plan as outlined in the document presented by Ms. Butler to continue salary/wage payments through substitute work or PTO/sick leave. Temporarily allow to use of sick leave to take time off during the closure. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. CESA Report** – Larry Cyrus reported on the last CESA meeting. The main topic was hiring a new director and another special education director.

**Old Business:**

**A. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**1. POC**

Ms. Butler noted that some of the HVAC changes may be done during the school closure. New lockers to replace the orange lockers were also discussed.

**B. Standing Committee Reports**

**1. Communications**

No meeting.

**2. Human Resources**

No meeting.

**3. Curriculum**

No meeting.

**4. Policy**

No meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. Determination of canvassing date**

The canvassing date was set for 4:00 on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

**B. Appoint two qualified electors to canvass the election results held on April 7, 2020.**

The two electors appointed to canvass the election results were Karen Knospe and Lynn Doelle.

**Future Business Items:**

Public hearing for waiver

Presentation by Mr. Williams

Presentation by Mr. Nelson

**Review Timeline and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings:**

**A. Wednesday, March 25**

**Committee Meetings:**

**Human Resources Committee 4:00 p.m.**

**Policy Committee 5:30 p.m.**

**Finance & Budget Committee 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Friday – Sunday, March 27 – 29**

**Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.**

**2:00 p.m. (matinee)**

**C. Tuesday, April 7**

**Spring Election**

**D. Friday – Monday, April 10 – 13**

**Spring Break**

**E. Wednesday, April 15**

**Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**F. Tuesday, April 21**

**WASB New Board Member**

**Gathering 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** The Board adjourned on a motion by Kalene Engel, seconded by Lynn Doelle at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.